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1. SUMMARY: THE CCD HELD TWO PLENARY MEETINGS FEBRUARY 21ST AND 23RD. MONGOLIA MADE GENERAL OPENING STATEMENT CENTERING ON NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND BRIEFLY REINFORCING SOVIET POSITION ON OTHER ISSUES BEING PUSHED BY EE BLOC IN CCD, I.E., "NEUTRON BOMB," NEW MDW, AND DEMILITARIZATION OF THE SEABED. WORKING PAPERS FOR AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM (CNP) WERE CONFIDENTIAL

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INTRODUCED BY SOVIET/EE DELS, ROMANIA AND SWEDEN. THE WESTERN GROUP MET ONCE, MAINLY TO DISCUSS CNP, AND ONE THERE WAS INFORMAL MEETING OF THE CCD TO DISCUSS THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ESTABLISHING THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON CNP. THE CO-CHAIRMEN (US, USSR) MET FEBRUARY 24 TO DISCUSS CCD ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES. END SUMMARY.

2. THE 773RD AND 774TH CCD PLENARY MEETINGS WERE HELD FEBRUARY 21 AND 23. AMBASSADOR ERDEMBILEG (MONGOLIA) MADE A GENERAL, OPENING STATEMENT WHICH APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN BASED HEAVILY ON THE GROMYKO 1976 MEMORANDUM ON DISARMAMENT CIRCULATED AT THE 31ST UNGA. HE SAID NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT WAS IMPERATIVE AND OBJECTED TO STATES

PROTECTING THEMSELVES UNILATERALLY WHILE NOT PARTICIPATING IN MULTILATERAL DISARMAMENT. NOTING THAT THE "BRINKMANSHIP" POLICY HAD NOT WITHSTOOD THE TEST OF TIME, ERDEMBILEG CALLED FOR A SIMULTANEOUS HALT TO THE PRODUCTION, DEVELOPMENT AND STOCKPILING OF ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS, "INCLUDING NEUTRON." HE SUPPORTED THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR MUTUAL RENUNCIATION OF ER/RB WEAPONS AND ASKED THAT THE CCD GIVE "DUE ATTENTION" TO THE NEED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT BINDING NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES TO GIVE UP NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS AND ER/RB WEAPONS. ON CTB, ERDEMBILEG ASKED THAT VERIFICATION ISSUE NOT BECOME A STUMBLING BLOCK TO AGREEMENT AND SUPPORTED STANDARD SOVIET POSITION ON VERIFICATION. ON CW, HE EMPHASIZED THAT PROHIBITION NEEDED TO BE COMPREHENSIVE AND CALLED FOR THE EXERCISE OF GREATER POLITICAL WILL ON THE PART OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE US-USSR NEGOTIATIONS TO REACH AGREEMENT ON A JOINT INITIATIVE. ERDEMBILEG SUPPORTED STANDARD SOVIET LINE ON ORGANIZATIONAL/STRUCTURAL REFORM TO CCD AND ROLE OF SSOD AS PRELUDE TO A WORLD DISARMAMENT

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CONFERENCE. HE ALSO REITERATED EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES' CALL FOR CCD CONSIDERATION OF DEMILITARIZATION OF THE SEABED.

3. THREE WORKING PAPERS (CCD/552, CCD/553 AND CCD/554) FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF DISARMAMENT WERE INTRODUCED -- ONE BY THE USSR AND SIX CEEBLOC COUNTRIES, ONE BY ROMANIA, AND ONE BY SWEDEN. WORKING PAPER SUBMITTED BY SOVIET AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES CONTAINED NOTHING NEW AND WAS BASED ON PROPOSALS PRESENTED IN SEPTEMBER 1977 SSOD PREPCOM. ROMANIAN WORKING PAPER WAS ESSENTIALLY A PROGRAM OF ACTION. SWEDISH WORKING PAPER WAS IDENTICAL TO PAPER SUBMITTED IN NEW YORK AT PREPCOM (A/AC.187/95). THERE WAS ONE INFORMAL MEETING OF THE CCD TO DISCUSS THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE AD HOC GROUP ON CNP AT WHICH NIGERIA AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP OF FIFTEEN REQUESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GROUP AND PREPARATION BY THE SECRETARIAT OF A LIST OF ALL RELEVANT PROPOSALS AND WORKING PAPERS ON THE SUBJECT. NO FORMAL DECISION TO ESTABLISH THE GROUP WAS AGREED UPON ALTHOUGH IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE CCD WILL TAKE A FORMAL DECISION TO ESTABLISH THE GROUP IN

PLENARY DURING WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 3.

4. WESTERN GROUP MET FEBRUARY 22, MAINLY TO DISCUSS CCD'S COMPREHENSIVE NEGOTIATING PROGRAM OF DISARMAMENT (CNP). THERE APPEARED TO BE SOME CONFUSION AS TO EXACTLY WHAT CCD'S PROGRAM WAS TO CONTAIN AND WHAT TIME PERIOD IT WAS TO COVER. MOST DELS SEEMED TO FEEL THAT THERE WOULD BE LITTLE DIFFERENCE, IN PRINCIPLE, BETWEEN SSOD PROGRAM OF ACTION AND CCD COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF DISARMAMENT. SOME FELT SSOD PROGRAM WOULD CONTAIN SHORTER TERM GOALS, WHILE CCD PROGRAM WOULD BE MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND COVER A

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LONGER PERIOD OF TIME. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION OF FORTHCOMING CCD INFORMALS ON ORGANIZATION/PROCEDURES FEB 29 - MARCH 3, ALL AGREED THAT SSOD PREPCOM DISCUSSIONS ON DISARMAMENT MACHINERY AFFECTED CCD. USDEL STATED THAT IT INTENDED TO BE FLEXIBLE REGARDING ANY PROPOSED CHANGES SO LONG AS CCD EFFECTIVENESS AS NEGOTIATING BODY REMAINS UNIMPAIRED. NETHERLANDS DEL SUPPORTED IDEA OF REPLACING CO-CHAIRMANSHIP WITH SOME FORM OF BUREAU WHICH

DID NOT ROTATE EXCESSIVELY; ITALY VOICED SUPPORT FOR  
WIDER, NON-MEMBER ATTENDANCE OF CCD AND OPPOSED MEXICAN  
PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE  
IN THE CCD; CANADA CALLED FOR WESTERN GROUP ACCEPTANCE  
OF SOME CHANGE TO CCD SO AS TO DEMONSTRATE FLEXIBILITY  
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AND SUGGESTED PERHAPS ONE SUCH CHANGE MIGHT BE EXPANDING  
CCD MEMBERSHIP TO ALL FIVE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE UN  
SECURITY COUNCIL.

5. THE CO-CHAIRMEN (US, USSR) MET FEBRUARY 24 TO DISCUSS  
UPCOMING CCD INFORMAL MEETINGS ON PROCEDURES AND  
ORGANIZATION OF THE CCD. REPORT CONTAINED REFTEL.  
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